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"BASE METAL DEPOSITS IN CARBONATE ROCKS"

REFS (A) PAWLOWSKA/CHIDESTER LETTER OF FEBURARY 19, 1977,
(B) 74 STATE A-5194, (C) 76 STATE A-5882

1. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR PAWLOWSKA HAS TOLD US SHE NEEDS APPROXIMATELY 7,000 USDOLS IN ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT. THIS SHORTFALL IS THE RESULT OF A BUDGET CUT WHICH THE PROJECT SUSTAINED LAST OCTOBER WHEN PHASES 3 AND 4 WERE AUTHORIZED.

2. PAWLOWSKA HAS INFORMED CHIDESTER (REF A) OF HER EFFORTS TO RAISE ENOUGH MONEY TO COVER HER PROJECTED OBLIGATIONS. WE EXPLAINED TO HER THAT THE AUTHORITY TO OBLIGATE US SFCP FUNDS ENDED ON DECEMBER 31, 1976, AND SHE COULD NOT EXPECT AN INCREASE FROM DOI. WE ENCOURAGED HER TO CONTINUE TO SEEK POLISH FUNDING, AND WE DISCUSSED HER DIFFICULTIES WITH PROJECT COORDINATOR EKIERT AND DIRECTOR MALINOWSKI OF THE GEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.

3. FOLLOWING THESE DISCUSSIONS, PAWLOWSKA TOLD US SHE PLANS TO TERMINATE
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THE CONTRACT. SHE SAID SHE WAS ADVISED TO DO SO BY MR. WALICKI, MINISTRY OF SCIENCE. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIED WRITTEN NOTICE OF HER INTENT TO TERMINATE.

4. WE AGAIN SUGGESTED, THAT, GIVEN THE CONSENT OF DOI AND THE CENTRAL GEOLOGICAL OFFICE, SHE LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE POLISH CONTRIBUTION TO THE

JOINT FUND.

5. WE HAVE REVIEWED THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF THIS PROJECT IN DETAIL, AND FOUND THE FLOWING TRANSACTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE: AUGUST 7, 1974 - TRANSFER OF 796,800 ZLOTYS TO THE GEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE; JULY 17, 1975 - TRANSFER OF 179,280 ZLOTYS TO THE JOINT FUND, AND APRIL 7, 1976 - TRANSFER OF 223,740 ZLOTYS TO THE JOINT FUND.

6. PAWLOWSKA HAS RETURNED TO THE JOINT FUND 212 ZLOTYS OF THE INITIAL PAYMENT, AND, SHE HAS NOT WITHDRAWN THE TWO LATER DEPOSITS IN THE JOINT FUND ACCOUNT. THE 70,000 ZLOTYS RESERVED FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OF U.S. PROJECT SCIENTISTS (REF B) WERE PASSED ON TO PAWLOWSKA WITH THE INITIAL PAYMENT, AND WERE PRESUMEABLY SPENT FOR THAT PURPOSE.

7. THE PROCESSING OF PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION ATTACHED TO REF C HAS BEEN DELAYED DUE TO A DISCREPANCY OF THE AMOUNT AUTHORIZED, WHICH DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FUNDS ON DEPOSIT IN THE JOINT FUND ACCOUNT AND PAWLOWSKA'S CLAIMS FOR MORE MONEY.

8. OUR ACCOUNTING SHOWS THAT THE UNPAID BALANCE OF PAWLOWSKA'S PROJECT IS 805,680 ZLOTYS (1,602,480 ZLOTYS LESS 796,800 ZLOTYS), AND NOT 696,400 ZLOTYS AS AUTHORIZED IN REF C. WE REQUEST DOI TO CONFIRM THIS AND, IF CORRECT, AUTHORIZE US TO PAY ACCORDINGLY. THE 403,232 ZLOTYS ON DEPOSIT IN THE JOINT FUND ACCOUNT
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COULD BE USED AS PARTIAL PAYMENT.

9. WHEN ISSUING AMENDED PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CORRECT NAME OF THE GRANTEE INSTITUTION IS THE GEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE AND NOT THE CENTRAL MINING INSTITUTE. WE ALSO REQUEST DOI TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF U.S. MONITOR TRAVEL FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT (200,000 ZLOTYS) TO THE PARENT JOINT FUND ACCOUNT.

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